

REMARKS

By way of the present response, claims 1 and 6 have been amended and claims 2 and 7 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-17 currently are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to

In the final Office Action, claims 1, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by Published U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0128283 to Watanabe et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2, which the Examiner indicated as being allowable (see section 8 on page 5 of the August 24, 2004 final Office Action). Therefore, the rejection of claim 1 has been rendered moot. As such, claim 1 is allowable.

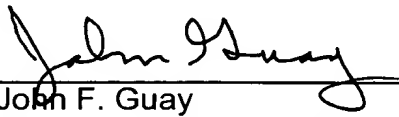
Independent claim 6, as amended, is directed to a photographing apparatus that includes, *inter alia*, "a removable memory card for recording image data taken by said sensor, wherein said removable memory card is attachable to and detachable from said photographing apparatus." In Section 4 on page 4 of the final Office Action, the Examiner alleged these features to be disclosed by a memory card 70 as described in paragraph 0109 of Watanabe et al. However, after Applicant pointed out in the December 16, 2004 response that the Examiner had already asserted that the memory card 70 of Watanabe et al. to allegedly be the claimed "external recording medium," the Examiner revised his interpretation of the Watanabe et al. patent (see, section 4 on page 4 of the Advisory Action dated January 27, 2005). Specifically, the Examiner asserted that he considers FIFO memory 57 of Watanabe et al. to be attachable and detachable from the pickup unit 1a and stated, "This claim is broad and does not state that the memory needs to be a removable memory card" In response, Applicant has amended claim 6 to adopt the language suggested by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that the FIFO memory 57 of the Watanabe et al. patent cannot reasonably be considered a "removable memory card" as presently claimed. Hence, amended claim 6 is considered allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims, and prompt notification of the same, is earnestly solicited.

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